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1. ON DECEMBER 24 AMB BUFFUM SIGNED A LETTER TO DR. MAHLER INFORMING THE LATTER OF OUR INABILITY UNDER PRESENT LEGISLATION TO CONTRIBUTE MORE THAN 25 PERCENT TO THE ASSESSMENT BUDGETS OF WHO. THE TEXT OF THAT LETTER IS REPRODUCED BELOW FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE MISSION. THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE COMMUNICATING WITH THE MISSION SHORTLY ON THE TACTICS WE INTEND TO PURSUE BOTH WITH MAHLER AND AT THE FORTHCOMING MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

2. TEXT OF BUFFUM TO MAHLER LETTER IS AS FOLLOWS:
QUOTE:
REFERENCE IS MADE TO THE LETTER OF DECEMBER 4, 1974 FROM WARREN W. FURTH, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE WHO ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF U.S. 2,973,242 DOLLARS, REPRESENTING A PAYMENT OF OUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE ORGANIZATION FOR
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1974 WHICH BRINGS OUR TOTAL CONTRIBUTION FOR THAT YEAR TO

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26,802,332 DOLLARS. IN HIS LETTER MR. FURTH STATES THAT A BALANCE OF 4,926,758 DOLLARS REMAINS DUE ON OUR 1974 ASSESSMENT.

AS YOU KNOW, PL 92-544 OF OCTOBER 25, 1972 ESTABLISHES A MAXIMUM U.S. CONTRIBUTION OF 25 PERCENT TOWARD THE TOTAL ANNUAL ASSESSMENT OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND ITS AFFILIATED AGENCIES AS FROM JANUARY 1974. THIS LIMITATION APPLIES TO ALL OF THESE EXCEPT THE IAEA AND THE JOINT FINANCING PROGRAM OF THE ICAO. INASMUCH AS THE CONGRESS DID NOT APPROPRIATE MORE THAN 26,802,332 DOLLARS REPRESENTING A REALLOCATION OF OUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE 1974 ASSESSMENT BUDGET OF WHO AT 25 PERCENT, IT IS NOT POSSIBLE AT THIS TIME TO MAKE ANY FURTHER PAYMENTS TO THE ORGANIZATION WITH RESPECT TO OUR 1974 ASSESSMENT.

I HOPE THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO ADJUST THE SCALE OF ASSESSMENT IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE SO THAT AS FORESEEN IN RESOLUTION WHA 26.21 THE MAXIMUM CONTRIBUTION OF ANY ONE MEMBER STATE SHALL NOT EXCEED 25 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL.
END QUOTE INGERSOLL

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